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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Re: New U.S. Application of Vasilii V. **SPIRIN**, et al.  
**"ALARM CONDITION DISTRIBUTED FIBER OPTIC SENSOR WITH  
STORAGE TRANSMISSION-REFLECTION ANALYZER"**  
Our Ref.: 3915.002  
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including specification, claims, six sheets of drawings, and abstract. **The Declaration will be filed at a later date.**

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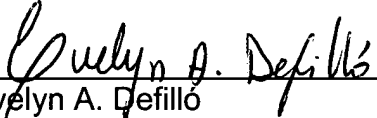
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Priority is claimed from March 3, 2003, based on US Provisional Application No. 60/451,534.

Assertion is hereby made that the inventor qualifies as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "ALARM CONDITION DISTRIBUTED FIBER OPTIC SENSOR WITH STORAGE TRANSMISSION-REFLECTION ANALYZER" described in the specification filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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